



Missionaries to Puerto Rico

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Dear prayer partners,

The quarantine has ended, sort of. Our church was able to open as of June 7 at as long as the chairs are at least six feet apart, we wear masks at all times, and sanitize the whole church before and after every service. The worst part is we cannot have coffee before the service! It's not really about the coffee, it is the time in which our church families spend time talking and getting closer, and when we are able to greet our new guests. Although the restrictions are, well, restricting, we are very glad to be able to resume our meeting together in the building. We thought many would stay home due to fear of getting sick, but we reopened to almost all of our families returning to worship with us. One of our neighbors also visited the church for the first time the week we opened. Some families have said they will return soon.

We are still offering a pre-recorded service on Sunday afternoon on Facebook as well as a weekly prayer time and devotional live video. We have recently gained many new "likes" on Facebook and will be seeking to invite all of them to come and visit the church in person. Pray that God will use these digital tools to see the Facebook followers become followers of Jesus. We know many have heard the Gospel clearly, maybe for the first time, over the last three months.

We were not able to have Mother's Day or Easter Sunday service, so we decided to do a "Hands Full" service for Father's Day. Every family left with gifts to share with their neighbors and friends that had been planned for each special service. In this way we mobilized the church to do outreach in a time when we cannot use normal methods. It has proven difficult to reach new people in traditional ways, but God seems to bring people to us through online conversations and various in person interactions. We offered to help the city with any food distribution or volunteer activities, but they never responded to us.

We were able to help one of our church families during quarantine. Pedro unexpectedly had a pacemaker installed in May. We were able to visit with him at his home several times and help with food. He and his wife Nilda love to be around the kids. They recently celebrated 50 years of marriage! We are grateful he is healing well from the surgery and has been able to return to services. He is one of our most faithful men.

We are doing our best to maintain our mental and physical health throughout all the time home though the changes have made for some difficult adjustments. We have discovered it is a very long wait now to get new doctors' appointments. Shipping has also been delayed (almost a month from Amazon). However there have been much needed innovations in ordering online and delivery services locally. Pray that we will be able to reach some of the delivery drivers that come to our home regularly. We have noticed increased prices on food, but God has been faithful to provide through all the changes! We are always grateful for your support and especially your prayers. Between dust clouds, continued earthquakes, and the upcoming hurricane season this year, we might just be getting ready for the "next big thing" by the next letter. Thank you for praying and

supporting us through it all! We are still praying that God shows us His purpose in this season of changes, and also praying that we are prepared for whatever comes next.

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